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SUBJECT: NAIROBI MEETING OF AFRICAN COMMONWEALTH TRADE  
MINISTERS

1. MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, DR. J. G. KIANO,  
HOSTED THE SECOND MEETING OF THE AFRICAN COMMONWEALTH  
TRADE MINISTERS ON APRIL 5 - 6, IN A FOLLOWUP TO THE  
FIRST MINISTERIAL MEETING HELD IN LAGOS, NIGERIA IN  
FEBRUARY. STATED PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO  
EVOLVE AN AFRICAN COMMONWEALTH POSITION IN FUTURE  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.  
COUNTRIES REPRESENTED WERE KENYA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND,  
BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, UGANDA, NIGERIA, GHANA,  
SIERRA LEONE AND GAMBIA. MALAWI DID NOT SEND DELEGATE.

2. AT OPENING SESSION, MINISTER KIANO URGED THAT  
AFRICAN COUNTRIES PRESENT A UNIFIED FRONT TOWARDS  
EUROPE IN FORTHCOMING EEC NEGOTIATIONS. HE ATTACKED  
THE PRINCIPLE OF REVERSE PREFERENCES, INDICATING THAT  
KENYA COULD NOT ACCEPT ANY JUSTIFICATION FOR THEM.  
HE WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF THE EXISTING E. A. COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE EEC, COMMENTING THAT  
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IT HAD " NOT BEEN OUTSTANDINGLY ENCOURAGING"  
AND CITED FACT THAT EAST AFRICAN STATES CONTINUE TO  
SUFFER A TRADE DEFICIT WITH THE EEC. HE ALSO CITED AS  
HAVING PARTICULARLY ADVERSE EFFECTS THE RECENT RULES  
MADE BY EEC WHICH LIMIT ENTRY OF EA HORTICULTURAL  
PRODUCTS TO EUROPE TO CERTAIN SEASONS AND HE ASKED FOR  
A REVIEW OF THIS MATTER.

3. PRESIDENT KENYATTA MET THE COMMONWEALTH TRADE MINISTERS  
AND LAUDED THEIR MEETING. NO PUBLIC PRESS  
STATEMENTS AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING HAVE BEEN RELEASED.  
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